



March 7, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW 20554
Washington, DC

Re: Expression of Interest – Rural Broadband Trials Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. Utah would like to submit a proposal for the use of IP Transition Experiment funding as outlined in the order, Order Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, Released January 31, 2014.

Background

Beehive Telephone Company is a Local Incumbent Exchange Carrier that has been serving customers in Utah for 50 years. Our focus has been to serve some of the most remote areas in our nation with the latest telecommunications technology. Our service area extends from north western Utah to south eastern Utah covering nine Utah counties. We currently provide fiber to the home technologies to two of our thirteen telephone exchanges.

Proposed Geographic Areas and Scope of Support

Beehive Telephone would like to expand its Fiber to the Home (FTTH) network to all of its customers. While we do not have a specific to project propose we would like to express interest in providing broadband services in rural UT.

State and/or Local or Tribal Government

Beehive Telephone has made considerable efforts to provide the latest broadband technology to the schools and tribal entities within its service areas. Currently we provide broadband network services to the remote schools located in the West Desert along the Utah/Nevada state boarder. In partnership with the Utah Education Network we provide services to Eskdale School, Garrison School, West Desert High School, Callao School, Ibapah School, Wendover High School, Grouse Creek and Park Valley School, Vernon Elementary, and the Ibapah Library.

We have worked with the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR) to provide telephone and broadband (DSL) to tribal members in need. Earlier this year in partnership with a non-profit organization, we have worked to provide telemedicine services to members of the tribe. Although not listed as an area eligible for funding, the CTGR would greatly benefit from FTTH services. FTTH services could help spur economic development for the CTGR. The total estimated cost to extend FTTH in this area is \$780,800.00.



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In Conclusion

We have an interest in participating in your project for all of the areas we serve that are eligible for funding. Whatever additional information you need, please let me know. Thank you for your considering our Expression of Interest for funding that will be allocated in the Rural Broadband Experiments. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (435)837-6000 or jakew@beehive.net.

Best regards,

Jacob Warner
President/General Manager